

NETWORK OF ALABAMA ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

ADVANCED RESEARCH DATABASE PROGRAM FY2008-2009

The Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL) has initiated an *Advanced Research Database Program* to support information needed for academic research in science, technology, and medicine. U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data show that every million dollars spent on research and development results in 36 new jobs—making academic research and development a key component for Alabama’s economic development.

Cutting edge research requires cutting edge information – and the most economical way to deliver critical information is through the shared model demonstrated by NAAL. The shared *Advanced Research Database Program* will help Alabama compete with other states by supporting academic research and converting scientific advances into business opportunities.

For FY2009, NAAL funded these databases for the *Advanced Research Database Program*, allowing NAAL’s General Members to use their own funds for other needs.

Cumulative Index Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) is the premier research database supporting biomedicine, nursing, allied health, consumer health, biomedicine, health administration, etc. It indexes 1700 journals with full text articles for more than 640 research and practitioner journals. It includes full text for 220 books. NAAL General Members offering nursing and allied health programs elected access to this database.

ABI/INFORM Complete (ABI) is a comprehensive business database that indexes over 4,055 journals including more than 2,965 full-text titles covering international business and economic conditions, corporate strategies, management techniques, as well as competitive and product information. The database contains complete runs of key business and management journals, providing a unique historical perspective on hundreds of topics, such as corporate strategies, management techniques, marketing, product development, and industry conditions worldwide. *ABI* indexes over 18,000 doctoral dissertations and master’s thesis; these include full text for an institution’s own dissertations and thesis deposited with ProQuest. Full text articles back to 1984 are also included for the *Wall Street Journal* (Eastern edition). General Member institutions working to transform research findings into practical applications elected access to this database.

MLA International Bibliography (MLA) is the research tool for language and literature. Today’s academic programs in science, technical, and medicine emphasize effective writing skills to disseminate research results and communicate with peers. *MLA International Bibliography* supports faculty teaching and student learning for these courses. *MLA* also supports undergraduate language and literature courses, so most General Members elected access to this database.

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NAAL received some state funding for this program in FY2008, but this funding was cut in the FY2009 appropriation. These initial *Advanced Research Database Program* subscriptions will expire in August 2009. Some member institutions, facing their own budget cuts, elected not to participate in these groups because they could not obligate renewals for FY2009-2010. **NAAL needs additional funding for FY2010 to help support the advanced research needs of advanced graduate students and faculty and to support economic development in Alabama.**

About the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL)

<http://www.ache.alabama.gov/NAAL>

The Network of Alabama Academic Libraries is a member-governed consortium of Alabama's public and non-profit private four-year colleges and universities. Since 1984, these institutions have collaborated to share academic library resources to assure that every student and researcher obtains the information needed for a successful educational experience. Their vision and strategic plans focus on innovative programs to assure the efficient, effective, and economical use of Alabama's limited resources. One of NAAL's most successful programs is negotiating discounted pricing for licensed electronic content. In addition, NAAL has received federal grants to improve interlibrary loan and document delivery, seamlessly link library systems to share databases, create a publicly-accessible text and image database of unique materials about Alabama history <<http://www.alabamamosaic.org>>, and to develop the Alabama Digital Preservation Network <<http://www.adpn.org>>, a distributed archive for the long term storage of digital files to protect them from loss in the event of disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornados, fires, or human errors.

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